

REMARKS

Examiner has stated that Applicant's reply filed on February 28, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. Specifically, Examiner has stated that Applicant did not submit the \$504.00 owed for the six extra independent claims and the \$468.00 owed for the 16 extra dependent claims. Additionally, Examiner has stated that Applicant must now submit the appropriate extension of time and associated fee, as the period set forth for reply to the prior Office Action has now expired.

Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to note that Applicant submitted a basic filing fee of \$740.00 on October 23, 2001 with the originally filed application. In Applicant's originally filed application, Applicant only submitted two independent claims, and is therefore entitled to an additional one independent claim and 17 dependent claims. In Applicant's February 28, 2003 reply to the prior Office Action, Applicant deleted the two originally submitted independent claims, and added six independent claims and 40 dependent claims. As such, Applicant respectfully believes that Applicant is responsible for payment of only three extra independent claims (as three were originally paid for) and 26 claims over the 20 claims originally paid for, thus amounting to \$252.00 for the extra three independents and \$468.00 for the extra 26 claims for a total fee of \$720.00. Please find enclosed a check including the \$720.00 fee, and a Patent Application Fee Determination Record substantiating the above fee calculations.

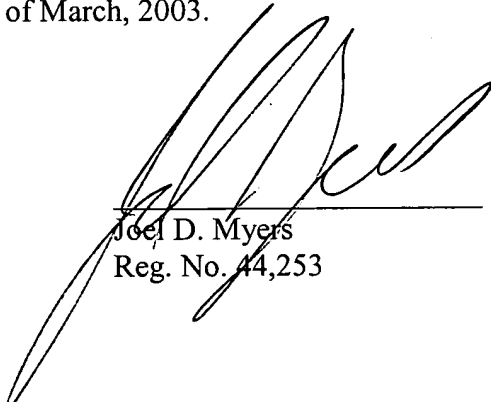
Additionally, Applicant has further enclosed a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of two months along with the associated fee. However, Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to note that Applicant submitted a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of one month and the associated fee with Applicant's February 28, 2003 reply to the prior Office Action. As such, because Applicant is now submitting the full two month extension of time fee, Applicant respectfully requests that the previously submitted one month extension of time fee be refunded.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully believes that all outstanding fees have now been satisfied. Should there be any questions or concerns, Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of March, 2003.

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 = *	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 = *	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$ _____
x _____ =	
x _____ =	
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TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
	\$ 740
x _____ =	
x _____ =	
+ _____ =	
TOTAL	740

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

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AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	* 46	Minus ** 20	= 26
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	* 6	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x _____ =	
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TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$18 =	468
x 84 =	252
+ 0 =	0
TOTAL	720
ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus **	=
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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x _____ =	
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TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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x _____ =	
+ _____ =	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus **	=
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

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